

**RESOLUTION NO. 106**

**Expressing Solidarity With Indigenous Resistance to the Dakota Access Pipeline**

**WHEREAS**, The proposed Dakota Access Pipeline would carry approximately 470,000 barrels of fracked crude oil per day for more than 1,100 miles from the Bakken oil fields of North Dakota to South Dakota, Iowa and Illinois, passing through sensitive natural areas, wildlife habitat, as well as treaty protected tribal land containing recognized cultural resources and across or under 209 rivers, creeks, and tributaries including the pristine Missouri River, which provides drinking water and irrigates agricultural land in communities across the Midwest; and

**WHEREAS**, Despite deep opposition from the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, as well as farmers, scientists, more than 30 environmental advocacy groups and other Tribal nations along the proposed route, and without Tribal consultation or meaningful environmental review as required by federal law, in July 2016 the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers issued a permit allowing construction of the pipeline to move forward; and

**WHEREAS**, In a show of unprecedented historical cooperation, over 100 Native American tribes have issued resolutions and/or traveled to stand in solidarity with the Lakota Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and have established two peaceful encampments in Cannon Ball, North Dakota known as the Sacred Stone Camp and Camp Warrior to resist the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline and to protect this sacred land via a cultural and spiritual presence; and

**WHEREAS**, Nearly all of St. Louis' drinking water is sourced from the Missouri River and approximately half of Missourians receive their drinking water from this river, as well. Recent oil spills, including the release of 80,000 gallons of oil near Tioga, North Dakota in October 2013; 51,000 gallons of oil released into the Yellowstone River upstream from Glendive, Montana; as well as the release of 1,000,000 gallons of tar sands crude in Michigan's Kalamazoo River in July 2010, demonstrate the danger for downstream communities, fish, and wildlife from oil from pipelines such as the Dakota Access; and

**WHEREAS**, On August 15, 2016 the Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Council led by Tribal Chairman David Archambault II called on Tribal nations and Indigenous people around the world to issue resolutions in support of the Standing Rock Sioux and the Sacred Stone Camp.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the St. Louis City Board of Aldermen stand in support of the Indigenous opposition to the Dakota Access Pipeline and we call on all residents of the City to raise awareness about this important struggle for Indigenous sovereignty and environmental justice and to support the Sacred Stone Camp efforts in any way they can. Furthermore, we respectfully request President Obama direct the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to revoke the permits and stop construction of the Dakota Access pipeline.

Introduced this 9th day September, 2016, by:

**The Honorable Christine Ingrassia, Alderwoman 6th Ward**  
**The Honorable Megan-Ellyia Green, Alderwoman 15th Ward**

Adopted this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016, as attested by:

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Timothy O'Connell  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen